All the four stations have been planned to be provided with STD facilities during the 7th Plan after automatisation of Nizamabad and Parbhani and commissioning of transmission media as mentioned above.

Waiting list for telephone connections

713. SHRI LAXMI NARAIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting lists for getting telephone connections in Shakti Nagar, Delhi area under (i) General, (ii) special and (iii) S.S. categories separately, as on the 15th February, 1986;

(b) by when the persons registered under the Special and S.S. category upto 15th Feb. 1986 are proposed to be given telephone connections; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to release more telephone connections in the above area in the near future and if so,what are the number of such connections and by when they are likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The number of persons on the waiting list for getting the telephone connections in Shakti Nagar area under Non-OYT categories as on 15-2-1986 are (i) General—22,322 (ii) Special—802 and (iii) S.S.—79.

(b) On commissioning of new electronic exchange of 10.000 lines scheduled for March, 1987 the connections would be provided thereafter.

(c) As mentioned in (b) above after commissioning of the new exchange, about 9,000 telephone connections would be released progressively in various categories as per the allotment rules.

Telephone exchanges in Bihar

714. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any fresh plan has been formulated for modernisation of telephone exchanges in Bihar; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Electronic Telephone Exchanges have been planned at the following places in Bihar:

Ranchi	(i)	3,000 Lines	(local)
	(ii)	1,000 lines	(Trunk Automatic Exchange)
Patna	—	10,000	lines
Gaya		3,000	lines (Commissioned)
Dumka	—	400	lines
Hajipur	—	400	lines
Madhupuri	—	400	lines
Nawada	—	400	lines
Purnea		600	lines

Daily wage telephone operators in the Delhi telephones

715. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of daily wage telephone operators in the Delhi Telephones;

(b) whether it is a fact that the temporary telephone operators recruited three years ago went on strike on 31st December, 1985;

(c) if so, for how many days they remained on strike and what were their demands;